

The *Library Connection* online newsletter provides the public with information about upcoming events, major programs and other news of the City of San Diego Public Library. Anyone can sign up for this free monthly email announcement by visiting the Library on the City's web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library> and clicking on "News & Events."

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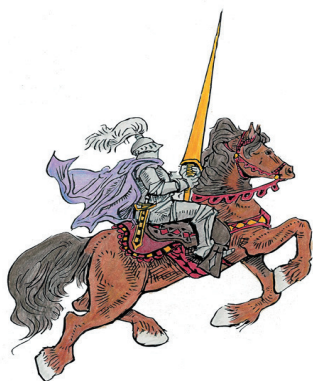
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Dragons and Dreams Highlight Summer Reading Program

Children and teens are invited to enter a world of dragons and dreams as part of the Library's 2005 Summer Reading Program, which begins June 15 and continues through Aug. 15. Summer is a great time to pick up a book and continue to improve reading skills, and this year's Summer Reading Program will focus on adventure and fun.

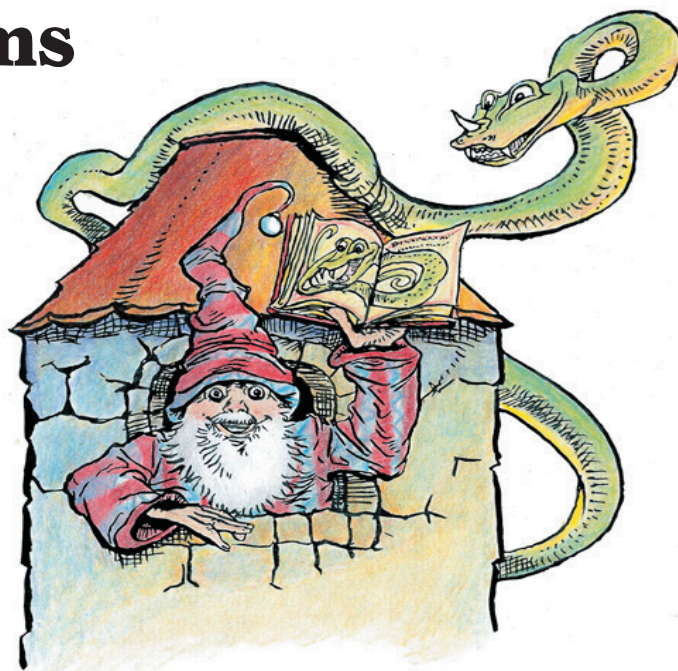
"Reading books is an especially important activity during the summer months with so many students on vacation from school," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "We welcome all San Diego children to visit their libraries and take part in the fun."

For children up to 12 years old, the theme of the program is "**Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds**." Kids who read 10 books will receive special prizes including free admission to the San Diego Aerospace and San Diego Natural History museums, and the San Diego Renaissance Fair. They will also receive coupons for Pizza Hut and Carl's Jr.



The program's theme for teens is "**Joust Read**." Participants in grades 7-12 can receive prizes for reading books or writing short reviews of library materials and teen programs.

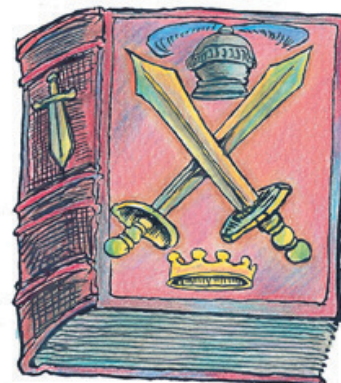
The program, available at all City libraries, will also include many free special events such as magic shows, music performances, arts and crafts projects, and other fun activities. The Library began the annual Summer Reading Program in 1924. The goals of the program are to keep children and teens reading, learning and improving their



reading skills, and stretching their imaginations during the summer. Reading improves literacy and helps students do better in school. Last year, 23,000 children and teens enrolled in the program. More than 38,000 attended program events.

To kick off the Summer Reading Program, a **medieval-themed event** will be held Tuesday, June 14 at 10 a.m. at the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library. The free event will begin with a pageant that includes the royal princes, princesses, and knights from local City Heights schools. There will be a joust, including knights on horses and broadsword ground fighters. The City Heights/Weingart Branch is located at 3795 Fairmount Ave., 619-641-6100.

For more details about the program, fun activities and about how to sign up, contact or visit your local library or check out the Web site at www.sandiego.gov/public-library.



Business Challenges for Small Business Owners to be Discussed at Free Seminar June 29

The Library will host counseling sessions with SCORE (Counselors to America's Small Business) to discuss various business challenges first-time and seasoned small business owners face in a competitive business world. Topics to be covered may include business plans, business start-up, finances, marketing or business expansion etc. Participants will meet with one-on-one with a SCORE executive. The event will take place June 1, 15 and 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the second floor meeting room at the Central Library, 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. To register for the free program, or for more information, contact Business Resources and Technology Link at the Library's Social Sciences Section at 619-238-6630, or email businesslink@sandiego.gov.

Adventurous Horse and Mule Riders and Their Animals to Visit La Jolla/Riford Branch

Bernie Harberts, who rode a mule across the United States, and Lisa Wood, who rode a horse the length of the California coast, will discuss their adventures on June 11 at 10 a.m. at the La Jolla/Riford Branch, 7555 Draper Ave. Their animals will also be at the event. Recently, Harberts made a 13-month trip from North Carolina to San Diego with his mule Woody and a pony named Magnolia. In 1991, Wood rode an appaloosa named Cacho along the California coast from San Diego to the Oregon border. She published her story in a book in 2001 entitled "Chasing the California Dream." She later rode a mustang from California to Virginia, and the chronicle of that trip is scheduled to be published this summer. For more information, call the library at 858-552-1657



Norma Elia Cantu

Historias! Bilingual Book Discussion Continues with Novel by Norma Elia Cantu

As part of the Historias! bilingual book discussion program, the novel "Canícula: Imágenes de una Niñez Fronteriza" ("Canícula: Snapshots of a Girlhood en la Frontera") by Norma Elia Cantu will be reviewed. The event

will take place at 6:30 p.m. on June 20 at the Linda Vista Branch Library, 2160 Ulric St. The story chronicles the coming of age of a Chicana in the U.S.-Mexico border towns of Laredo and Nuevo Laredo in the 1950s and 1960s. The discussions are facilitated by Marta Gonzales, a Ph.D candidate in the Literature Department at the University of California, San Diego. Historias! is a partnership between the Library and the Media Arts Center San Diego's San Diego Latino Film Festival. For information or to sign up, call the library at 858-573-1399. Details are available on the Web at www.sandiego.gov/public-library.

Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For more information about films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events section on the Library's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Four Free Medical Seminars on Asthma Offered

The Library will host four free seminars in June focusing on asthma. Asthma is a chronic inflammation of the airways with reversible episodes of obstruction, caused by an increased reaction of the airways to various stimuli. It is a chronic condition with acute exacerbations.

Asthma can be a life-threatening disease if not properly managed. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, an estimated 6.1 million children under 18 years of age currently have asthma. Asthma is the third leading cause of hospitalization among children under the age of 15 and it is the leading cause of chronic illness among children.

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The free seminars will provide information about available treatments and medications from a registered pharmacist and will include presentations and a question and answer period. The seminars are part of the Be Well Informed @ your library campaign, presented by Walgreens and the American Library Association. The San Diego Public Library is one of 10 library systems in the country participating in the program. The schedule of seminars is as follows:

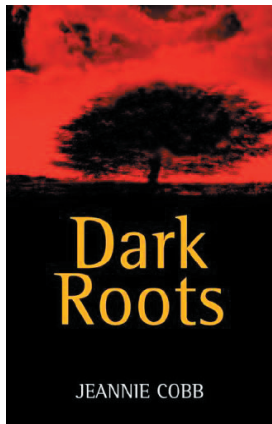
- **Thursday, June 9 at 1 p.m.**
Rancho Bernardo Branch Library,
17110 Bernardo Center Drive, 858-538-8163
- **Saturday, June 11 at 2 p.m.**
Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library,
5148 Market St., 619-527-3405
- **Wednesday, June 15 at 2 p.m.**
Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library,
3701 Voltaire St., 619-531-1539
- **Wednesday, June 22 at 6 p.m.**
San Carlos Branch Library,
7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430

To sign up for a seminar, call the library where you plan to attend. For more information, visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Author Jeannie Cobb to Discuss Her Book “Dark Roots” at Central Library

Jeannie Cobb, author of “Dark Roots,” will speak at the Central Library on Saturday, June 25 at 2 p.m. in the third floor auditorium. This event is free to the public.

Interracial relationships, black mysticism in tribal Africa, and the strong bond of family love all combine for a compelling read in Ms. Cobb’s novel, “Dark Roots.”



An exciting story of main character Amber Brooks, who is African American, and Clayton, her white boyfriend, the narrative takes the couple from the corporate boardroom of San Francisco, back in time to 1840s slavery-era America in a frantic search for Amber’s brother, James, an anthropologist whose near-fanatic interest in the African slave trade

leads to his disappearance on the Dark Continent. Along the way, Amber and Clayton experience first-hand the power of long-held African beliefs in the supernatural, and discover the true meaning of love and life.

First-time author Jeannie Cobb has a degree in English from Stanford University. Before she wrote “Dark Roots” she spent several years developing and marketing computers globally for various Silicon Valley companies. She has taught English as a Second Language in the Bay Area. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

For more information, visit or contact the Central Library, 820 E St. in downtown San Diego, (619) 236-5800.

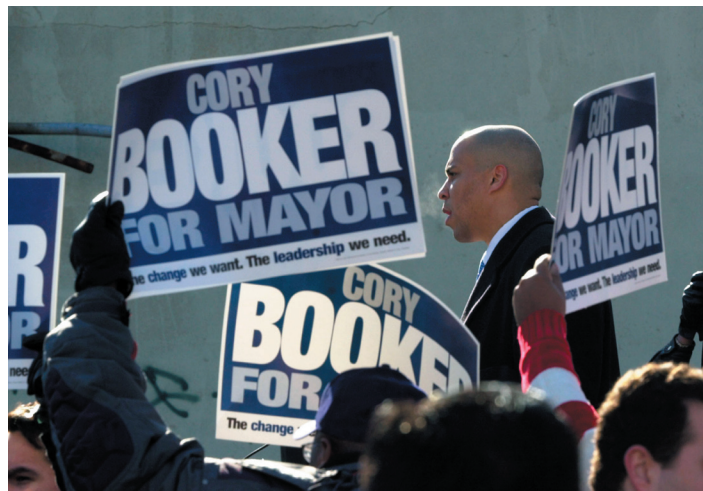
Swazzle Puppets to Entertain Children

The popular Swazzle puppets will entertain children with the show “Hazel and the Dragon.” Hazel, a brave little squirrel, and Filbert, a not-so-brave prince, find and help Pepper, a baby dragon with a broken wing.



Performances scheduled of the puppet show include:

- **Wednesday, June 15**, 2 p.m., at the Mira Mesa Branch, 8405 New Salem St., 858-538-8165.
- **Tuesday, June 21**, 7 p.m., at the Mission Valley Branch, 2123 Fenton Parkway, 858-573-5007.



Cory Booker campaigning for Mayor of Newark, N.J., against Sharpe James.

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Award-Winning Documentary “Street Fight” to be Screened

The Library and the Association of Independent Video & Film Makers - San Diego chapter and will host a screening of the documentary film “Street Fight” on Monday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. This event is free to the public.

Winner of the Audience Award at the 2005 Tribeca Film Festival in New York City, “Street Fight” covers the turbulent campaign of Cory Booker, a 32-year old Rhodes Scholar/Yale Law graduate running for mayor of Newark, N.J., against Sharpe James, the four-term incumbent twice his age.

An urban David and Goliath story, the film chronicles the young man’s struggle against the city’s entrenched political machine, which routinely uses strong-arm tactics to hold onto power.

A discussion will be facilitated after the screening.

This film screening is part of the Public Broadcast System’s POV series and will be broadcast nationally on July 5 at 10 p.m. Since 1988 POV has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America’s most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today’s most pressing social issues.

Association of Independent Video & Film Makers is a 30-year old national trade association based in New York City, providing support to individual media artists and producers. Established by a group of independent filmmakers, AIVF is the largest national organization representing independent media artists working at all levels across all genres. The San Diego Salon is focused on the technical side of filmmaking for both the novice and advanced filmmaker. Running since the fall of 1996, the salon is an active sponsor of several local independent media events.



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"Historias! Best Of Fest" Film Screening to be Held at City Heights/Weingart Branch Library

The Library and the Media Arts Center San Diego's annual San Diego Latino Film Festival, as part of their "Historias! Best of Fest" program, will feature the film "Atlético San Pancho." The screening will take place Monday, June 6 at 7 p.m. at the Performance Annex of the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library, located at 3795 Fairmount Ave. This program is free and open to the public.

Gustavo Loza's "Atlético San Pancho" ("Never Too Young to Dream") is a delightful family film is about a group of children and their wish to play and excel at soccer. Will victory come to this group of lovable urchins as they square-off against the flashy and arrogant rich kids' team? A feel-good movie for all ages which stars Lumi Cavazos, Hector Suarez, Plutarco Haza and Luis Feipe Tovar. The film is in Spanish with English subtitles.

"Historias!" is a partnership between the Library and the Media Arts Center San Diego's annual San Diego Latino Film Festival. This ongoing partnership consists of year-round book discussions, film screenings and youth digital story workshops in celebration of the Latino Experience. The project is made possible by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Even More Great Events and Programs!

For the very latest information about Library events, exhibits, activities and other programs, visit your local library or check out the Library on the City's web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

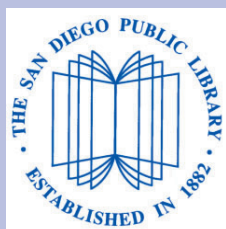


Exhibit of North County Printmakers Artists on Display at Central Library

An exhibition of 63 works by 20 members of the North County Printmakers is on display in the Second Floor Corridor Gallery at the Central Library, 820 E St. The free exhibit, which continues through Aug. 7, features prints that reflect a broad range of concepts, styles and techniques.

Exhibiting artists include:

Meg Elliott-Behle, Carol Shine Benkendorf, Nick Capaci, Ellen Davis, Freda Fairchild, Dixon Fish, Amber George, Pat Heusner, Bill Kelly, Neill Ketchum, Igor Koutsenko, Loretta Kramer, Rita Miller, Jonde Northcutt, Marie Parsai, Pat Pfeffer, J. McNeil Sargent, RoseAnne Sobkow, Marsha Umbour and Vinita Voogd.

The Central Library is open Monday and Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 619-236-5800.



Free Advice About Bankruptcy Available at Two Library Seminars

Seminars offering bankruptcy information to the public are available free to the public each month at two City of San Diego Public Library locations.

The seminars are hosted by local attorney Mark L. Miller, who can also be heard each Saturday from 2 to 3 p.m. on the "Debt Wipeout Hour" on radio station KCBQ 1170 AM.

During the seminars, Miller will cover the definition of bankruptcy, who should apply and when, and other related information. He will answer any and all questions regarding legal issues involving bankruptcy. The next scheduled seminars will be held as follows:

- **Wednesday, June 1 at 6 p.m.** at the Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, 858-573-5007.
- **Wednesday, June 15 at 6 p.m.** at the Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego, 619-236-5894.

Jazz Concerts to be Held at Central Library

Vicki Norman will present "The Rhythms of Life," an hour-long program of jazz music by Gershwin, Golson, Hathaway, Jobim and others at the Central Library. The program will be held at 2 p.m. on both June 3 and 4 in the third floor auditorium. The Central Library is located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. For more information, call 619-236-5800.